

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1

RESOLUTION TO RESCIND THE JANUARY 8, 2019 RESOLUTION RENEWING STEM'S CHARTER; TO EXTEND THE TERM OF STEM'S CHARTER FOR ONE YEAR; AND TO DIRECT THE NEGOTIATION OF A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, the Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Charter School ("STEM") has been a Douglas County School District RE-1 ("District") charter school since 2011; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2018, STEM submitted a charter school renewal application (the "Renewal Application") in accordance with District policy; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2019, the District Board of Education ("Board") adopted a resolution renewing STEM's charter for a term of three years, subject to STEM's satisfaction of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, STEM appealed the Board's decision to the State Board of Education in accordance with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, STEM and the District jointly agreed to stay the appeal pending efforts to resolve their disagreement about the charter school renewal term and conditions; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2019, a shooting occurred at STEM during which one student was killed, and eight others were injured (the "STEM Incident"); and

WHEREAS, after the STEM Incident, the District and STEM directed their efforts toward the support and recovery of District and STEM students, staff, and community; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the District and STEM have yet to resolve their disagreements related to STEM's appeal and have not entered into a charter school contract for any renewal term; and

WHEREAS, the STEM Incident has raised questions about school safety and security that may impact the terms and conditions of STEM's charter school renewal and charter school contract; and

WHEREAS, these questions are best addressed when the active law enforcement investigation is concluded, and the parties have more information about the STEM Incident; and

WHEREAS, to allow for the possibility of a more-informed charter school renewal discussion between the District and STEM based on the law enforcement investigation, the Board desires to rescind its previous resolution to renew STEM's charter and instead act to extend the term of STEM's current charter for one year, through June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board further desires that the current charter contract be amended to reflect such extension and to address intervening matters related to STEM's operation during the 2019-2020 school year; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Douglas County School District Re-1 that:

1. The Douglas County School District RE-1 Resolution Concerning the Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Charter School Renewal Application dated January 8, 2019, is hereby rescinded.

2. The term of STEM's charter is hereby extended by one year, through June 30, 2020.

3. The Superintendent or his designee is directed to negotiate with STEM an amendment to the existing charter contract that extends the term of the contract through June 30, 2020 and addresses the following matters and other matters as the Superintendent or designee deems appropriate:

- a. STEM's maintenance of an accreditation rating of Improvement or Performance in accordance with CDE standards as they may be amended from time to time during the term of the contract;
- b. STEM's need to conduct a strategic planning session prior to the start of the 2019-2020 school year, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, to update the School's strategic plan and to adopt a plan for the remaining term of the charter contract and any renewal, which plan must be shared with the District Choice Programming Office and parents of students enrolled in STEM;
- c. STEM's administration of regular staff, parent, and student satisfaction surveys and sharing of the aggregated results of such surveys with the Choice Programming Office;
- d. STEM transparency in the areas of governance, finance, and operations, including, but not limited to:
 - i. STEM's submission of timely and accurate financial reporting to the District and compliance with state financial transparency laws by, among other things, posting all school financial information and audits on the STEM website in a timely manner;
 - ii. STEM's submission to the Choice Programming Office of monthly minutes of its school accountability meetings;
- e. 100% STEM staff participation in annual mandatory online trainings, which include respect in the workplace, standard response protocol, child abuse reporting, and keeping students safe;
- f. Hiring and retention of appropriately licensed special education teachers and special service providers, including without limitation mental health professionals and counselors, in a manner that meets or exceeds District staffing ratios;

- g. Ensuring that STEM mental health professionals and counselors are current on ASSIST and District Threat Assessment training and that STEM administrators are current on District Threat Assessment training;
- h. Timely completion of safety assessment reports, including without limitation threat assessment, child abuse, and suicide assessment reports, and submission of reports to the District;
- i. Proactive review of safety assessment data spreadsheets supplied by the District to STEM prior to the start of each semester;
- j. Timely and accurate reporting of student behavior and attendance data;
- k. Compliance with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and the Colorado Open Records Act;
- l. STEM's location and procedures related to STEM's expansion and replication that align with District policy;
- m. STEM assurances that per pupil revenue received from the District will not be used for expansion efforts outside of the District;

Approved and adopted this 18th day of June, 2019.

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By:

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President, Board of Education

Attest:

Krista Holtzmann
Secretary, Board of Education